



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silent Reflection
3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
4. New Business and Discussion Items
5. Adoption of the previous minutes 4-7
 - a. Regular Council Meeting – February 7, 2024
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, be adopted as circulated.
6. Accounts 8
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated February 7, 2024, in the amount of \$223,549.20 be approved as presented.
7. Staff and Committee Reports 9-10
 - a. Seniors Services – Program and Committee Updates
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors & Persons with a Disability Services regarding program and committee updates be received for information, and

That Council approve the updated policies as presented.
 - b. Seniors Services - NOHFC Grant Application Request 11
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors and Persons with a Disability regarding a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) application to renovate the storage addition at the Trefry Centre to include a Commercial Kitchen be received: and

That Council authorizes staff to apply for the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, Community Enhancement Program.
 - c. Seniors Services – Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre 30th Anniversary Celebrations 12
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors & Persons with a Disability Services regarding the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre 30th Anniversary event and proposed budget be received, and

That Council authorize staff to continue to plan the event.

- d. Go North Festival - NOHFC Grant Application Request 13
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund application for the Go North Festival be received: and

That Council authorizes staff to apply for the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, Northern Event Partnership Program for the 2024 Go North Music Festival.

- e. Cemetery - Draft budget and board recommendations 14-15
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the Cemetery Board draft budget for 2024 be received for information, and
 That council approves the draft budget and staff to enter into an agreement with TMM to provide cemetery information management for the Township of St. Joseph Cemetery Board.

- f. Planning Board - STR Report 16-19
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding communication from the St. Joseph Island Planning Board and the Township of Hilton regarding a proposed amendment of the Island municipalities’ zoning by-laws to establish zoning controls to regulate the use and location of Short-term Residential Rental Accommodations (STRs) be received for information, and

That Council _____.

8. Correspondence

Item #	Description	Action
Items with a request for support (resolutions)		
A	Municipality of Calvin – Additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting & national strategy development	20-23
B	City of Hamilton - Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy	24-25
C	Town of Petrolia – Combined OGRA & ROMA Conference	26-27
D	County of Renfrew – Affordability of Water & Wastewater Systems	28-30
E	Municipality of Wawa – Opposing APH & PHSD merger	31-32
F	FONOM – Request for Province to undertake Social and Economic Review	33
G	Women of Ontario Say No - Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement	36
Items with A Request (Other)		
H	SJI Hunters & Anglers – Request for support (Children’s Ice Fishing Derby)	

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence items A through H be received for information; and

That the recommended actions be taken.

9. Closed Session

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into Closed Session at ____ p.m. in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

- a. Fire Department Staff

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does rise from Closed Session at ____ p.m.

10. By-Laws

- a. Confirmation

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Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-10 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on February 21, 2024; and
THAT said by-law be passed in open council on February 21, 2024.

11. Adjournment

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at _____ p.m. to meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, or at the call of the chair.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
COUNCIL MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Council Chambers – 1669 Arthur Street, Richards Landing

Present	
Council	Mayor Jody Wildman Councillor Bryon Hall Councillor Cameron Ross Councillor Greg Senecal
Staff	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator Dan See, Public Works Superintendent
Regrets	Councillor Steven Adams
Members of the Public	C. Fleming M. Stubbe J. Garside D. Tulloch K. Gilbertson

1. Call to Order

Mayor Wildman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Moment of Silent Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. New Business and Discussion Items

- a. Councillor Hall - Speed Radar sign: placement locations and timing.

5. Adoption of the previous minutes

- a. Regular Council Meeting – January 24, 2024

Resolution #2024-30

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Council meeting held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

6. Accounts

Resolution #2024-31

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated February 7, 2024, in the amount of \$123,810.33 be approved as presented.

Carried.

7. Staff and Committee Reports

- a. Roads Speed Public Comment Summary

Resolution #2024-32

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator summarizing public feedback regarding changing of speed limits on municipal roads be received for information.

Carried.

10 members of the public were in attendance, 5 spoke. All 5 that spoke were against making changes to the speed limits, with some exceptions for safety reasons.

- b. 2023 Council Remuneration

Resolution #2024- 37

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Treasurer regarding the 2023 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses be received for information.

Carried.

- c. RFP Results – Marina Flooring

Resolution #2024-38

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the results of a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for the Marina Flooring Replacement RFQ 2024-01 be received for information, and

That staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with Bob Dionisi and Sons Ltd. for the removal and replacement of the flooring in the marina services building.

Carried.

8. Correspondence

Item #	Description	Action
Items to be received for information		
A	St. Joseph Island Planning Board – Notice of amended condition consent application #23-02	Receive
Items with a request for support (resolutions)		
B	Tweed – Licence plate renewal fees	Receive
C	Prince Edward County – Expanding the life of fire apparatus	Support
D	Town of Orangeville – Ontario Social and Economic Prosperity Review	Support
Items with A Request (Other)		
E	Algoma Public Health – Request for comment on merging of local public health agencies	Receive

Resolution #2024-39

Moved By: Greg Senecal

Seconded By: Bryon Hall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT correspondence items A through E be received for information; and That the recommended actions be taken.

Carried.

9. Closed Session

Resolution #2024-33

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into Closed Session at 7:33 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality.

- a. 2024 Public Works Amalgamated Tender Submission (addendum)
- b. Fire Department Staff

Carried.

Resolution #2024-34

Moved By: Cameron Ross

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does rise from Closed Session at 8:23 p.m.

Carried.

Resolution #: 2024 - 35

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Greg Senecal

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the amalgamated tender supply/service list from the Public Works Superintendent be received, and

That Council authorizes staff to submit the list, as presented, to the East Algoma Road Superintendent's Association for consideration in the 2024 Amalgamated Tender.

Carried.

Resolution #: 2024 - 36

Moved By: Bryon Hall

Seconded By: Cameron Ross

WHEREAS the Chief and Deputy have notified that they will be stepping down, and

WHEREAS St. Joseph Township is transitioning to a new leadership structure for St. Joseph Fire and Rescue,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding Fire Department staffing be received, and

That Council accepts the resignation of the Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief with gratitude, and That staff be authorized to post for a paid Fire Chief position.

Carried

10. By-Laws

- a. Roads Classification
Resolution #2024- 40
Moved By: Cameron Ross
Seconded By: Bryon Hall
BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-07 being a By-Law to Inventory and Classify Highways.
THAT said by-law be passed in open council on February 7, 2024.
Carried.

- b. Roads Speed
Resolution #2024- 41
Moved By: Bryon Hall
Seconded By: Greg Senecal
BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-08 being a By-Law to Prescribe a Maximum Rate of Speed on Certain Highways
THAT said by-law be passed in open council on February 7, 2024.
Carried.

- c. Confirmation
Resolution #2024- 42
Moved By: Cameron Ross
Seconded By: Bryon Hall
BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2024-09 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on February 7, 2024; and
THAT said by-law be passed in open council on February 7, 2024.
Carried.

11. Adjournment

Resolution #2024- 43
Moved By: Bryon Hall
Seconded By: Cameron Ross
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at 9:08 p.m. to meet again at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 21, 2024, or at the call of the chair.
Carried.

Joseph Wildman, Mayor

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator


TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH

Disbursements

21-Feb-24

RESOLUTION #

Chq #	Date	Vendor Name	Description	Chq Amount
various	2/8/2024	SENIORS MOW VOLUNTEERS	SENIORS - MOW MILEAGE	\$ 1,122.08
various	2/8/2024	SENIORS TRANSPORTATION VOLUNTEERS	SENIORS - TRANSPORTATION	2,504.60
6380	2/8/2024	DATAFIX	ADMIN - VOTER VIEW	932.25
6382	2/8/2024	MINISTER OF FINANCE	POLICING - OPP BILLING DEC 2023	18,047.00
6383	2/8/2024	SUPERIOR 7 ADVERTISING	RECREATION - TRAIL SIGNS	604.44
107666	2/8/2024	ALGOMA AG CENTRE	ROADS - FUEL	2,687.30
107667	2/8/2024	ALGOMA OFFICE EQUIPMENT	SENIORS - COPIER LEASE	76.68
107671	2/8/2024	KIMBERLY CHEESEMAN	PSW PROGRAM - MILEAGE	888.79
107672	2/8/2024	MELISSA CRIPPS	SENIORS - DAY OUT MILEAGE	141.40
107673	2/8/2024	MICHELLE DA SILVA	SENIORS - MOW SUPPLIES	21.48
107675	2/8/2024	ENCOMPASSIT	CBO - BUILDING PERMIT SOFTWARE	1,130.00
107676	2/8/2024	JENNY ENNS	PSW PROGRAM - MILEAGE	445.34
107678	2/8/2024	MARGO GIBSON	SENIORS - FITNESS MILEAGE	63.00
107679	2/8/2024	GENEVIEVE GONNEAU	SENIORS - DAY OUT MILEAGE/SUPPLIES	130.60
107685	2/8/2024	GLEN IRWIN	CBO - MILEAGE	109.20
107686	2/8/2024	ISLAND CLIPPINGS	ADMIN - ADVERTISING	67.80
107688	2/8/2024	KENTVALE MERCHANTS LTD.	VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS - SUPPLIES	223.00
107689	2/8/2024	ELIZABETH LANE	PSW PROGRAM - MILEAGE	367.50
107690	2/8/2024	LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES	ADMIN/SENIORS - POSTAGE/OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,021.09
107692	2/8/2024	MASSEY WHOLESALE LIMITED	SENIORS - MOW/DAY OUT FOOD	749.16
107695	2/8/2024	NESDA TECHNOLOGIES LTD.	SENIORS - SOFTWARE LICENCE FEES	2,406.05
107696	2/8/2024	NORTH CHANNEL HEATING & A/C	WATER PLANT - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	231.65
107697	2/8/2024	DAVID PEARSE	AC/BLEO - MILEAGE	263.20
107698	2/8/2024	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	WATER/SEWER - CONTRACTED SERVICES	13,174.33
107700	2/8/2024	SHERRY RODGERS	PSW PROGRAM - MILEAGE	277.20
107706	2/8/2024	SUPERIOR PROPANE	MARINA/ADMIN/ROADS - PROPANE	2,939.00
107708	2/8/2024	TOROMONT CAT	ROADS - EQUIPMENT PARTS	4,176.55
PAP	2/8/2024	ALGOMA POWER INC	VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS - POWER	7,380.92
PAP	2/8/2024	BELL MOBILITY	VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS - CELL PHONES	273.60
DD	2/8/2024	MONTHLY PAYROLL	JANUARY	3,954.15
DD	2/9/2024	BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL	PAY PERIOD # 3	29,431.69
6384	2/16/2024	BELL CANADA	VARIOUS DEPTS - PHONE	1,063.31
6385	2/16/2024	I BOOK SHOWS INC.	REC - GO NORTH ARTIST DEPOSIT	1,750.00
6386	2/16/2024	ALGOMA KINNIWABI	ADMIN - MEMBERSHIP	367.25
6387	2/16/2024	NEO INDUSTRIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SERV	SEWER COLLECTION - PUMP OUT AUG 2023	2,125.53
107710	2/16/2024	ABELL PEST CONTROL INC	REC - OLD TOWN HALL PEST CONTROL	66.43
107711	2/16/2024	ALGOMA DISTRICT SERVICES ADMIN BOARD	MUNICIPAL LEVY - FEBRUARY 2024	65,410.92
107712	2/16/2024	ATS	ADMIN - ALARM SYSTEM	24.80
107713	2/16/2024	KIMBERLY CHEESEMAN	SENIORS - DAY OUT MILEAGE	46.20
107714	2/16/2024	MARCY CLARK	SENIORS - SUPPLIES	243.68
107715	2/16/2024	GREEN FOR LIFE ENVIRONMENTAL	SEWER COLLECTION - HYDRO VAC	4,028.96
107716	2/16/2024	ISLAND MARKET - TREFRY	SENIORS - MOW/DAY OUT FOOD	135.81
107717	2/16/2024	KENTVALE MERCHANTS LTD.	ROADS - FUEL AND SUPPLIES	849.80
107718	2/16/2024	LAW OFFICE OF HUGH MACDONALD	ADMIN - LEGAL FEES	4,416.18
107719	2/16/2024	MASSEY WHOLESALE LIMITED	SENIORS - MOW/DAY OUT FOOD	372.94
107720	2/16/2024	ONT MUN EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS	13,804.88
PAP	2/16/2024	ALGOMA POWER INC	VARIOUS DEPTS - POWER	5,813.15
PAP	2/16/2024	BELL CANADA	WATER/SEWER - INTERNET	80.23
PAP	2/16/2024	COLLABRIA VISA	VARIOUS DEPTS - SUPPLIES	2,327.94
PAP	2/16/2024	RECEIVER GENERAL	PAYROLL REMITTANCE	24,780.14
TOTAL				\$ 223,549.20

	Township of St. Joseph	
	Report To Council	
	FROM:	Marcy Clark, Manager Seniors & Persons with a Disability Services
	DATE:	February 21, 2024
	SUBJECT:	Seniors and Persons with a Disability Advisory Committee Updates
RECOMMENDATION:	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager Seniors & Persons with a Disability Services regarding program and committee updates be received for information, and That Council approve the updated policies as presented.	

Program and Centre Updates

1. MOW - Since September, the Meals on Wheels have been delivered in all catchment townships and providing 25 meals per day on average.
2. Transportation - On November 17th the Algoma Manor Transportation Agreement was signed and is valid for 24 months. Since September, there have been 360 transportation events.
3. Day-Out - The Day Out program has had fluctuating numbers in the past few months. Currently, there are 4 in Bruce Mines, 6 in Echo Bay and 9 at the Trefry Centre.
4. Congregate Dining
 - a. Coffee Connections has an average of 12-15 attendees per week.
 - b. Diners has had an increased amount of attendance with October 31st having 70 and December with 101.
 - c. Ukulele workshops have started in January and is scheduled every second Friday for the next couple of months. Attendance has been at 7 per session so far.
5. Exercise is currently twice per week in Bruce Station, and once per week in both Laird, and at the Dr. Trefry Centre. These classes reach over 40 people per week on average, in person and on zoom.
6. What's Up Doc currently has 250+ monthly subscriptions through mail chimp at this time.
7. Other - Staff were approved to apply for funding to the Home & Community Care Innovation Centre's "My Way Home Winter Preparedness Packages" program. The Dr. Trefry Centre was selected to receive the funding and 22 packages were purchased, compiled, and delivered by Dec. 22, 2023.

Policy Updates

A goal of the Manager, Seniors and Persons with Disability Services was to update the policies that are used constantly to have consistent and up to date information and procedures. The SAC meetings held from October until December resulted in Resolutions that were approved as presented or accepted for information. Therefore, the following policies and procedures have been updated:

- Volunteer Policy, Volunteer handbook, and code of conduct,
- Volunteer Transportation Service Policy
- Confidentiality Agreement
- Client Declaration Policy
- Facility Rental Policy and Agreement
- Home Maintenance Housekeeping, Yard Maintenance and Snow Removal policies
- Meals on Wheels Procedures.
- Day Out Program Procedures.
- Client Bill of Rights and Responsibilities
- Infection Control Guidelines
- Friendly Visiting Volunteer Position Description and Guidelines

Donation Purchases

A large T.V was purchased this fall to aid with presentations, SAC meetings and Day Out. This spring a new bench will be purchased for the front entrance of the Dr. Trefry Centre in honor of the 30th anniversary.

Other Committee News/Events for Council Consideration

1. 30th Anniversary Celebration

Staff and Advisory Committee members are working to plan a 30th anniversary celebration for June 2024 to commemorate the Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre’s successful history.

- Event to be held at the legion on June 14th, Whiskey Jacks is scheduled to play.
- The SAC committee has recommended that the tickets for the concert be priced at \$40. Eventbrite will be used, as well as paper tickets that can be purchased at the Dr. Trefry Centre.

Financial Implications


There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

Summary/Decisions Required

This report was provided for information only, no decisions are required from it, with the exception of any changes required to policies.



Marcy Clark
Manager of Seniors & Persons with a Disability

	Township of St. Joseph	
	Report To Council	
	FROM:	Marcy Clark, Manager of Seniors and Persons with a Disability
	DATE:	February 21, 2024
	SUBJECT:	Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Grant Application Request for Commercial Kitchen Renovation for the Trefry Centre
RECOMMENDATION:	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors and Persons with a Disability regarding a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) application to renovate the storage addition at the Trefry Centre to include a Commercial Kitchen be received: and</p> <p>That Council authorizes staff to apply for the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, Community Enhancement Program.</p>	

Background

The Dr. Trefry Centre provides fresh wholesome prepared food for the Meals on Wheels program for clients who require this support. Trefry Centre staff currently store food items and food containers in the storage addition at the Centre. These items must then be packed, driven up to the Legion and unpacked to be prepared in their kitchen three mornings per week. The Centre pays a monthly fee for the use of the kitchen facilities (\$250.00).

To save time, staff effort and rental fees, the Trefry Center Management and staff propose to renovate a portion of the Storage Addition to include a commercial kitchen including range, range hood, hand wash sink, commercial sink and prep area. The renovation will require new plumbing and drains to be installed and connected to existing plumbing.

This renovation will allow Meals on Wheels food to be prepared on site. The use of the Storage Addition will allow existing and new client programs such as exercise, Day out and other activities to continue without interruption.

Financial Implications


The NOHFC will fund 90% of eligible projects, including design, to a maximum of \$200,000. A representative from the NOHFC has indicated that this is an eligible project under this stream. The unfunded portion can come from the Trefry Capital Asset reserve which currently has approximately \$35,000 available.

Summary

Council may approve staff to apply for the grant, defer or suggest other options.



 Marcy Clark,
 Manager of Seniors and Persons with a Disability

	Township of St. Joseph	
	Report To Council	
	FROM:	Marcy Clark, Manager Seniors & Persons with a Disability Services
	DATE:	February 21, 2024
	SUBJECT:	Seniors Services – Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre 30 th Anniversary Celebrations
RECOMMENDATION:	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Manager of Seniors & Persons with a Disability Services regarding the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre 30 th Anniversary event and proposed budget be received, and That Council authorize staff to continue to plan the event.	

Background

The 30th Anniversary of the Dr. Harold S. Trefry Centre is on June 24, 2024. In recognition of this, the Seniors Advisory Committee and staff have been planning a concert at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #374 on June 14th at 7:00 p.m. The band Whiskey Jack will be performing and will be helping staff to produce the concert. Eventbrite is the ticket platform that will be used, and the cost is included in the following budget, the HST is taken out of the income of the ticket.

The following resolution was passed at the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting on February 13th, 2024:
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Seniors Advisory Committee approved the admission ticket price of the June 14th Whiskey Jack concert as \$40.

Proposed Event Budget

30th Anniversary Celebration			
	Projected	Actual	(+/-)
Whiskey Jack	\$ 3,390.00		
Lights/PA	\$ 61.00		
Advertising	\$ 500.00		
Eventbright	\$ 616.00		
Hall Rental	\$ 250.00		
Decorations	\$ 150.00		
TOTAL	\$ 4,967.00		

Projected Income		Totals
tickets	35.40*220	\$ 7,788.00
budget total		\$ 4,967.00
INCOME		\$ 2,821.00

***Ticket Price \$ 40 less HST (\$4.60) = \$35.40. Must sell 125 tickets to break even.**

Financial Implications


There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

Summary

Council may grant permission for staff to continue with preparations for the 30th anniversary concert celebration, defer their decision, deny the request, or consider other options.



Marcy Clark
Manager of Seniors & Persons with a Disability

	Township of St. Joseph	
	Report To Council	
	FROM:	Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator
	DATE:	February 21, 2024
	SUBJECT:	Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Grant for Go North
RECOMMENDATION:	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund application for the Go North Festival be received: and</p> <p>That Council authorizes staff to apply for the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, Northern Event Partnership Program for the 2024 Go North Music Festival.</p>	

Background

The Go North Music Festival 2024 is eligible to apply for to The Northern Ontario Heritage Fund, Northern Event Partnership Program grant. This grant may be used to fund a number of elements of the Go North Music Festival from performances, production, advertising and materials. The grant will be used to support the expansion of the Go North music Festival in 2024.

The NOHFC awards Northern Event Partnership grants to support events that positively impact the community through tourism and supporting the local economy.

This grant is based on a percentage split. The contribution required by The Township of St. Joseph is 70% of the complete budget. The amount requested from the NOHFC for The Go North Music Festival is applying for \$15,000 which is the maximum grant.

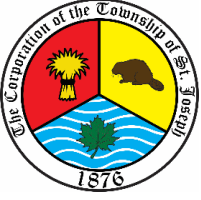
The grant application is due April 1, 2024

Summary

Council may approve staff to apply for the grant, defer or suggest other options.



Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator

	Township of St. Joseph	
	Report To Council	
	FROM:	Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator
	DATE:	February 21, 2024
	SUBJECT:	Cemetery Board Draft Budget 2024
RECOMMENDATION:	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Community Projects Coordinator regarding the Cemetery Board draft budget for 2024 be received for information, and</p> <p>That council approves the draft budget and staff to enter into an agreement with TMM to provide cemetery information management for the Township of St. Joseph Cemetery Board.</p>	

Background

The Cemetery Board met on February 7, 2024. The draft budget was presented with the inclusion of a new cemetery management system proposed by TMM (The Managed Municipality). The advantages of the new system vs the current system was discussed. The system will result in savings of staff time, ease of use for all staff members to answer questions from the public, and improved customer service that will be a result of the public access to cemetery record information via the website link 7 days a week, 24 hrs./day.

TMM will create interactive maps of the cemetery including printable large-scale maps for the cemetery site. Website info and a scannable QR code will bring visitors to public cemetery records so that they can locate individual graves easily. Internally, the system will allow staff to easily navigate to locate deceased, deeded, and open lots and record all relevant information including interment rights, deed of sale documents, individual interment records, grave location, and images of the headstone. TMM will transfer all existing cemetery records to the new system.

Financial Implications

The proposed budget is attached. The Cemetery Board is requesting a one-time increase of \$7,800 on the municipal levy for the implementation fee for the TMM system. The Cemetery Board has not requested an increase in the past 10 years. Should Council not approve the budget, the amount can be taken from the Cemetery Board’s reserve. The reserve has been built up from the annual interest earned on the perpetual care fund that the Board has historically chosen to reinvest into the fund. For that reason, the Board would prefer not to use that reserve. Council can consider using modernization funding held in the Township’s working reserve, other reserves, or the tax levy to fund the increased levy request.

Summary


Council may approve the draft budget and authorize staff to enter into an agreement for the contract, defer their decision to the budget meeting, or consider other options.



Sherie Gladu, Community Projects Coordinator

**Township of St. Joseph
2024 Proposed Cemetery Budget**

Description	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	Comments
Revenue:				
Sale of Plots	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 2,900.00	for 10 plots
Interest Income	1,000.00	2,045.90	1,000.00	on perpetual fund investments
Misc. (Donation)	-	125.00	-	
Municipal Levy	6,500.00	6,500.00	14,300.00	increase for software implementation fee
TOTAL REVENUE	10,980.00	12,150.90	18,200.00	
Expenses:				
Administrative/Bank Fees	350.00	502.07	1,800.00	Software/BAO Licence Fee, Bank Fees
Software Implementation Fee	-	-	7,800.00	request funding from Township
Audit	430.00	544.42	550.00	
Caretaking Expenses	9,800.00	7,571.96	7,650.00	
Maintenance & Materials	400.00	66.13	400.00	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	10,980.00	8,684.58	18,200.00	
NET REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 3,466.32	\$ -	

	Township of St. Joseph	
	Report To Council	
	FROM:	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator
	DATE:	February 21, 2024
	SUBJECT:	Short Term Rentals – Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment
RECOMMENDATION:	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding communication from the St. Joseph Island Planning Board and the Township of Hilton regarding a proposed amendment of the Island municipalities' zoning by-laws to establish zoning controls to regulate the use and location of Short-term Residential Rental Accommodations (STRs) be received for information, and That Council _____.	

Background:

At their January 2024 meeting the St. Joseph Island Planning Board passed a resolution to provide and recommend the attached sample zoning by-law amendment regarding short term residential rentals (STR) to the four Island municipalities. This resolution came as a result of a request from Hilton Township to do so.

Hilton Township has begun the process of considering to adopt the proposed amendment. A notice of a public meeting scheduled for March 6th is attached for Council's review/consideration for comments.

The drafted zoning by-law amendment (attached for review) would make the following changes to each municipality's zoning by-law if adopted:

- Updated the definition of bed and breakfast establishments
- Add a definition for STRs
- Identify in which zones STRs would be permitted. The proposed draft would permit STRs in all rural, commercial, major recreational zones but not in any residential zone, including those properties zoned residential along the shoreline.
- Set a required separation distance between STRs

Three of the four Island municipalities share the same current zoning by-law. Once the new Official Plan is approved, a complete zoning by-law review will take place. Each municipality can choose whether to move forward with this proposed amendment, either as presented or with changes (e.g. change the required separation distance, permitting STRs in residential zones) in the interim, or wait and consider adding conditions around STRs when the zoning by-law is updated. The Planning Board has offered their assistance should Council require it for the preparation/adoption of the proposed by-law amendment.

Summary/Options - Council may:

1. Begin the process of proceeding with the recommended zoning by-law amendment as drafted or revised.
2. Defer their decision on whether to proceed with this proposed amendment to a later date.
3. Wait until the zoning-by law is updated entirely to consider conditions for STRs.



Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

RECEIVED FEB 15 2024

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Hilton intends to amend the Township's Zoning By-law to provide for the regulation of short-term rental accommodation (STR) uses within the boundaries of the Township of Hilton.

The proposed zoning by-law amendment would amend the definition for bed and breakfast establishments and add the definition for short-term residential rental accommodations. STRS would be added as a permitted use within the Residential Zone - Rural (RU); Commercial and Industrial Zone - General Commercial (GC) and Highway Commercial (HC); Rural and Recreational Zone - Rural (RU) and Major Recreation (MR). The number of STRs on a property would be limited and a required separation distance would be required from other STRs.

The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Hilton will hold a public meeting to consider the proposed amendment on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 beginning at 7:30 pm at the Township Office, 2983 Base Line, Hilton Beach, Ontario.

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed amendment.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Township of Hilton to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Hilton Council before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Hilton before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

For more information relating to the proposed amendment, including information about appeal rights, contact Sara Dinsdale, Acting Clerk Treasurer at the Township of Hilton, 2983 Base Line, Hilton Beach, Ontario, P0R 1G0, or to admin@hiltontownship.ca between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday or by phoning 705-246-2472.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Hilton on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Sara Dinsdale, Acting Clerk Treasurer at the Township of Hilton, 2983 Base Line, Hilton Beach, Ontario, P0R 1G0.

No key map is provided as the proposed amendment applies to all lands within the Township of Hilton.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF HILTON THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024.

Sara Dinsdale
Acting Clerk Treasurer
Township of Hilton
File: ZA 2024 - 01

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF XXXXXX

BY-LAW NO. 2024 – XX

BEING A BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW NO. XXXX-XXX
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF XXXXXX

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of XXXXXX has enacted by-law No. XXXX-XXX, being the Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Township of XXXXXX, which regulates the use of land, the erection, location and use of buildings and structures, and the provision and maintenance of loading and parking facilities within the Township of XXXXXX; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of XXXXXX deems it desirous and expedient to amend said by-law to provide for the regulation of short-term residential rental accommodation (STR) uses, and

WHEREAS a new Official Plan, dated July 2023, has been adopted by all of the municipalities within the St. Joseph Island Planning Area, including the Township of XXXXXX, to revise and replace the current Official Plan for St. Joseph Island, and

WHEREAS the newly adopted Official Plan has been submitted for approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and includes policies to provide for the regulation of short-term residential rental accommodations through zoning and other controls, and

WHEREAS notice of this proposed amendment was published in accordance with the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, and a public meeting was held on XXXX XX, 2024 to consider the proposed amendment and provide an opportunity for public comment;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of XXXXXX enacts as follows:

1. By-law No. XXXX- XXX of the Township of XXXXXX is hereby amended as follows:

1. The definition of “Bed and Breakfast Establishment” included in section 3.0 Definitions, is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENT

Means a part of a *dwelling unit* or an *accessory building* thereto, which is occupied by the owner thereof, and in which not more than three bedrooms are used or maintained for the accommodation of the traveling public, in which the owner of the *dwelling unit* supplies lodgings with or without meals for hire or pay, but does not include a *group home*, *tourist establishment*, *hotel*, *motel*, *inn*, or *short-term rental accommodation*.

2. Section 3.0 Definitions is amended by the addition of the following:

SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

Means a *building* or *structure* or any part thereof that operates or offers a place of temporary residence, lodging or occupancy for hire or pay by way or concession, permit, lease, license, rental agreement or similar arrangement for any period of

twenty eight (28) or less consecutive calendar days, throughout all or any part of a calendar year. Short term residential rental accommodation uses shall not mean or include a *group home, bed and breakfast establishment, tourist establishment, hotel, motel*, inn or similar commercial or institutional use.

3. Table A1 – Residential Zones is amended by the addition of Short-term Residential Rental Accommodation to the Permitted Uses of the RU (Rural) Zone.
4. Table A2 – Commercial and Industrial Zones is amended by the addition of Short-term Residential Rental Accommodation to the Permitted Uses of the GC (General Commercial) and HC (Highway Commercial) Zones.
5. Table A3 – Rural and Recreational Zones is amended by the addition of Short-term Residential Rental Accommodation to the Permitted Uses of the RU (Rural) and MR (Major Recreation) Zones.

6. Section 4.12 Multiple Uses On One Lot is amended by the addition of the following new subsection:

4.12.1 Short-Term Rental Accommodations in RU (Rural) Zone

Within the RU (Rural) Zone, not more than one Short-term Residential Rental Accommodation shall be permitted on each lot.

7. Section 4.20 Special Setbacks is amended by the addition of the following new subsection:

4. 21.8 Setbacks for Short-term Residential Rental Accommodations

No Short-term Residential Rental Accommodation located in the RU (Rural) Zone shall be located any closer than 300 metres (1,000 ft.) to any other Short Term Rental Accommodation.

- 2 This By-law shall come into force and effect on the date of final passing, subject to the provisions of Subsection 24(2.1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990,c. P. 13, as amended.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this xxth day of Xxxxxxx 2024.

Mayor/Reeve

Clerk



Corporation of the Municipality of Calvin

Council Resolution

Date: January 30, 2024

Resolution Number: 2024-31

Moved By: Councillor Moreton

Seconded By: Councillor Manson

Background: Before Calvin township became a township, it was burned by numerous forest fires. This was before the time of fire towers, water bombers, and municipal fire departments. A 1881 report from Lawrence Tallan, Provincial Land surveyor, states: *"The township of Calvin has been traversed by repeated and severe fires – so well have the flames done their work that with the exception of an insignificant portion, scarcely a vestige of the original timber remains."*

History has a way of repeating itself, and now rural municipalities and remote areas need more than ever to be prepared to respond to forest fires. Invasive pests like the emerald ash borer and the spruce bud worm are killing large numbers of trees, leaving copious amounts of dry kindling in our forests just waiting for a careless human or a lightning strike. Our forests are choked with deadfall and forest fires are becoming increasingly difficult to control. Add to this the effects of rising temperatures and drier seasons, or climate change, and we could be facing increasingly disastrous forest fires. This is not the time to be caught short with limited forest fire-fighting resources.

Jordan Omstead of the Canadian Press recently wrote: "But as Canada's water bombers age – and wildfire seasons are expected to intensify – some wildland

firefighters and emergency preparedness experts say the country needs to prop up its fleet of firefighting aircraft, even though several provinces are playing down concerns about capacity.” He quotes Eric Davidson, president of the Ontario Professional Association of Wildland Firefighters, “We’re really starting to see the effect of the aging fleet.”

The article further states the John Gradek, lecturer at McGill University estimates that almost half of the larger water bombers used to fight Canadian forest fires are nearing the end of their service life.

However, a Canadian company making a large skimmer-style water bomber is backed up with orders from European countries until the end of the decade.

Ontario has its own fleet of aircraft. They have 20 fixed-wing aircraft which includes 9 CL215 and CL415 water bombers that are 24 years old on average. The remaining 11 aircraft are an average of 54 years old. Melissa Candelaria, a spokesperson for Minister Graydon Smith says the MNR can handle Ontario fires with these aircraft, but Jennifer Kamau, communications manager for the Canada Interagency Forest Fire Centre, CIFFC, noted that other provinces contract out firebombers and last year there was a strain in Canada to get the resources to areas in need because there were so many fires across the country at the same time and very few aircraft available.

Peter Zimonjic of the CBC quoted the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) President Ken McMullen, “It's not often that the fire chiefs sound the alarm. We are very concerned about this impending crisis that the summer of 2024 and beyond is going to bring our sector.”

In 2023 we all smelled the smoke and saw the sky turn brown. Buildings can be replaced, but lives cannot. And once an area is burned it takes more than a lifetime for it to return to its original state.

WHEREAS Forest fires are a very real threat to rural municipalities.

AND WHEREAS smoke from forest fires put people's health at risk. This is especially true of children and the elderly. The David Suzuki Foundation reports that wildfires kill many thousands of people per year and most of the deaths are from smoke inhalation.

AND WHEREAS forest fires are a very real danger to the climate and according to The Guardian, in 2023 they emitted three times as much carbon as the entire carbon footprint of Canada.

AND WHEREAS according to the John Crace interview in The Guardian with William Kurz, a retired scientist with Natural Resources Canada, around two billion tonnes of carbon have been released into the atmosphere from forest fires in 2023.

AND WHEREAS carbon emissions from forest fires are not counted against Canada's Paris agreement commitments, according to Kurz, but they far exceeded all of the emissions tied to Canada's economy (670 mega tonnes, or 0.67 billion tonnes, according to Environment and Climate Change Canada).

AND WHEREAS that standing healthy forest serves as a carbon sink, drawing in carbon, but once destroyed by fire, even though second growth takes its place, it is much less effective for many decades.

AND WHEREAS the federal government owns no water bombers and assists the provinces through the CIFFC, Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, a spokesperson with CIFFC says that last year there were too many requests and not enough inventory to meet the needs of the country.

AND WHEREAS as reported by De Havilland Canada who manufacture the Canadian made water bomber, they have contracts with European countries for the next 22 of its new DHC-515 planes, which will take until 2029 or 2030 to complete and there will be very little production available to replace the aging water bombers in Ontario and the rest of Canada.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the council of the Corporation of Calvin Township urges and encourages the Federal Government to commit additional funds for cost sharing of provincial firefighting and to consider the development of a national strategy of firefighting. Furthermore, we urge the federal government to consider the measures necessary for acquiring a national fleet of Canadian-made waterbombers, with home bases strategically located to best serve and respond to the needs of rural communities, and a national fire administration to better coordinate and manage efforts across the country. We also encourage the introduction of a program similar to the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program (JEPP) which was ended in 2013.

And we encourage Minister Graydon Smith to step up the on-the-ground firefighting capability and water bomber acquisitions in Ontario.

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry of Ontario, The Honourable Vic Fideli, Minister of Economic Development Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FMC) and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

AND THAT this resolution be shared with all 444 municipalities in Ontario for their consideration and adoption.

Results: Carried

Recorded Vote:

<u>Member of Council</u>	<u>In Favour</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Mayor Gould	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Moreton	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Latimer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Manson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF HAMILTON

VIA: Email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

The Honourable Todd Smith, M.P.P
Minister of Energy
Todd.Smithco@pc.ola.org

The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, M.P.P
Minister of Finance
Peter.Bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org

Colin Best
President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario
amopresident@amo.on.ca

February 14, 2024

Subject: Support for the Decision of the Ontario Energy Board to End the Gas Pipeline Subsidy

Dear Premier Ford, Ministers Smith and Bethlenfalvy, and President Best,

City Council, at its meeting held on February 14, 2024, passed the following resolution in support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the Gas Pipeline Subsidy:

WHEREAS, residents are struggling with energy bill increases and need relief;

WHEREAS, natural gas is no longer the cheapest way to heat homes because electric heat pumps are now much more efficient, can provide all heating needs even in the cold climates, and result in far lower energy bills over the long term compared to gas heating;

WHEREAS, natural gas is methane gas, which is a fossil fuel that causes approximately one-third of Ontario's GHG emissions, and must be phased out because it is inconsistent with all climate targets, while heat pumps result in the lowest GHG emissions and are consistent with a zero-carbon future;

WHEREAS, the Ontario Energy Board ("OEB") decided to end a subsidy for methane gas pipelines to be built in new construction developments, effective 2025, finding that this would lower energy bills for existing gas customers and improve

affordability for new homebuyers, but this decision is at risk of being overturned by the provincial government;

WHEREAS, the OEB decision will help lower energy bills and encourage heating systems that are consistent with climate targets and plans;

WHEREAS, the construction of *new* methane gas pipelines, which have 60-year lifetimes, should not be subsidized because they are inconsistent with the City's climate targets and will result in higher carbon emissions, higher energy bills, higher future decarbonization retrofit costs to get off fossil fuel heating, and a continued financial drain as dollars leave the province to pay for fossil fuels extracted in other jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council declared a climate emergency in 2019;

WHEREAS, transforming our buildings by supporting actions that improve the energy efficiency and GHG profile of new buildings within the City is one of 5 low-carbon transformations from ReCharge Hamilton, the City's Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton is actively working to support the decarbonization of heating and cooling systems in existing and future building stock within the community, as demonstrated by the Better Homes Hamilton Home Energy Retrofit Pilot Program, which will provide 0% interest loans to up to 50 Hamilton homeowners to enable them to transition away from fossil-fuel powered heating and cooling equipment to low carbon air or ground source heat pump systems.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) That the City of Hamilton expresses its support for the decision of the Ontario Energy Board to end the gas pipeline subsidy and requests that the Ontario Government allow the decision to stand; and

(b) That this resolution be circulated to the President of Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Colin Best; Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Energy, Todd Smith; Minister of Finance, Peter Bethlenfalvy and all Ontario Municipalities requesting support for the proposed changes.

Sincerely,



Andrea Horwath
Mayor

CC: All Ontario Municipalities (by email)

February 8, 2024

Rural Ontario Municipal Association
Attn: Board of Directors
Via email roma@roma.on.ca

Ontario Good Roads Association
Attn: Board of Directors
Via email info@goodroads.ca

Via email

RE: return to combined ROMA and OGRA conferences

Dear ROMA & OGRA Board of Directors,

During the February 5, 2024 regular meeting of council, council in response to a notice of motion from Deputy Mayor Joel Field the following resolution passed:

MOVED: Bill Clark

SECONDED: Chad Hyatt

WHEREAS as a past attendee of combined conferences, it makes great sense for the OGRA & ROMA conferences to be returned to a combined conference effort, not only financially for the municipality but also for availability for participation of members of Council and staff; and

WHEREAS these conferences afford a vital opportunity for delegations with members of our provincial parliament, returning to a combined conference provides a better respect to their availability and participation; and

WHEREAS during the 2019 OGRA conference AGM a resolution was passed regarding the re-establishment of an annual combined conference for both OGRA & ROMA; and

WHEREAS it is understandable that little movement has happened since the resolution at the 2019 OGRA conference AGM was passed, due to delays of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS not all persons who wish to attend can do so in person, that a hybrid participation option be considered for the sessions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Petrolia call upon both the ROMA & OGRA boards to re-establish a combined OGRA & ROMA annual conference.

FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister Paul Calandra, MPP Bob Bailey and be circulated to Municipalities of Ontario; as amended

Carried

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Kind regards,

Original Signed

Mandi Pearson
Clerk/Operations Clerk

cc:

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Hon. Paul Calandra Paul.Calandra@pc.ola.org
MPP Bob Bailey, Sarnia-Lambton bob.bailey@pc.ola.org
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January 31, 2024

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

DELIVERED VIA EMAIL

RE: Rural and Small Urban Municipalities – Affordability of Water and Wastewater Systems

Dear Premier Ford,

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting on January 31, 2024, The County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) (Section 1.6.6.2) states that municipal sewage services and municipal water services are the preferred form of servicing for settlement areas to support protection of the environment and minimize potential risks to human health and safety and that intensification and redevelopment within these settlement areas should be promoted; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Section 2.2.1 (f)) states that planning authorities shall protect, improve, or restore the quality and quantity of water by implementing the necessary restrictions on development and site alternation to protect all drinking supplies and designated vulnerable areas, and protect, improve, or restore vulnerable surface and ground water, sensitive surface water features and sensitive groundwater features, and their hydrologic functions; and

WHEREAS the PPS (Sections 2.2.1(h) and (i)) states that there is consideration of environmental lake capacity as well as stormwater management practices; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Protection and Conservation (MECP) Procedural Guideline B-1-5 Policy 2 provision states that water quality which presently does not meet the Provincial Water Quality Objectives shall not be further degraded and all practical measures shall be undertaken to upgrade the water quality to the Objectives; and

WHEREAS in 2014 the Township of Whitewater Region authorized Jp2gConsultants Inc. to undertake a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the purpose of evaluating viable options to upgrade the 1979 Cobden Wastewater Treatment Plant. This plant did not meet guidelines for effluent flow into Muskrat Lake and Cobden Wetland being highly sensitive, at-capacity, inland lake, and Provincial Significant Wetland (PSW) and acknowledged as one of

the most eutrophic in the province. The plant had ongoing seasonal overflow events, and was operating at maximum capacity; and

WHEREAS in 2018 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region approved the construction of a new parallel mechanical system that would meet all provincial environmental and regulatory requirements including accommodating future growth. Federal and provincial contributions only covered 50% of the final construction costs, as there was no ability to renegotiate with federal and provincial partners once real costs were known. As a result, the balance of costs (\$6M) was debentured over 30 years at interest rates that are slightly punitive to rural and small urban municipalities; and

WHEREAS in 2019 the Council of the Township of Whitewater Region conducted a Water and Wastewater Rate Study that demonstrated the need for rate increases of over 100% to fund the new wastewater treatment plant construction debenture and the significantly increased operating costs for a parallel mechanical system. Rural and small urban municipalities experience very limited growth as federal and provincial policies heavily support growth in urban centers. As there are no other sources of available operational funding, rural and small urban municipalities are expected to fund the construction and operation of these state-of-the-art systems from existing property owners and nominal forecasted growth; and

WHEREAS in 2023 the Township of Whitewater Region combined water and wastewater rates have risen to almost \$3,000/year for its five hundred and eleven (511) users and are among the highest in the County of Renfrew and across the Province of Ontario. There are similarly high user rates in the Township of Madawaska Valley as a result of Provincial regulations and a small number of users. Other examples of rapidly increasing rates include the Towns of Deep River, Renfrew, Arnprior, Laurentian Hills, and Petawawa, and the Townships of Bonnechere Valley, Laurentian Valley and Killaloe, Hagarty and Richards, where significant upgrades in short periods of time are making rates unaffordable even with an increased number of users.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Renfrew:

Advocate to the provincial and federal levels of government to make them aware that rural and small urban water and wastewater systems are financially unsustainable; and Advocate to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to examine if the unaffordability of water and wastewater system operational costs is systemic provincially and nationally.

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be circulated to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario); the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada); the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Emon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Emon, Warden

County of Renfrew

warden@countyofrenfrew.on.ca

cc: Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure (Ontario)
Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities (Canada)
Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Ontario), Cheryl Gallant, MP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
AMO; ROMA; FCM; and all Municipalities in Ontario.



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Resolution # RC24019	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>M Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>J. Sheppard</i>

WHEREAS on November 22, 2023 the Algoma Public Health Board passed a resolution to “undertake a feasibility study on the potential benefits and drawbacks of a voluntary merger of our two local public health agencies for the delivery of public health objectives.”; and

WHEREAS Algoma Public Health (APH) and Public Health Sudbury and District (PHSD) jointly wrote to numerous stakeholders on January 19, 2024 advising that they are “undertaking a process to explore a potential merger of the two public health units” and seeking feedback from those stakeholders on this proposal; and

WHEREAS since 2019, the Government of Ontario has attempted to change the delivery of public health throughout the province, first by attempting to force the merger of all Northeastern Ontario health units into a single health unit in 2019, which the government abandoned at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, and subsequently by incentivizing health units to explore voluntary mergers by paying the costs associated with undertaking the feasibility studies for such exploratory reviews; and

WHEREAS consolidation of APH with PHSD would be servicing an area spanning over 700km east-west from White River to Warren and 500km north-south from Chapleau to Manitoulin Island; and

WHEREAS any merged board would be unable to maintain all the regional representation that is currently represented on the Algoma Public Health Board, which is made up of a representative from Elliot Lake, one representative from Blind River, Spanish or Township of the North Shore, one representative from Wawa, White River or Dubreuilville, one representative from Thessalon or the Municipality of Huron Shores, one representative from Bruce Mines, Village of Hilton Beach, Townships of Hilton, Jocelyn, Johnson, Laird, MacDonald, Meredith and Aberdeen, Plummer Additional, Prince, St. Joseph, or Tarbutt; and;

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The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Municipality of Wawa opposes the merger of Algoma Public Health with Public Health Sudbury and District and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Board Chairs of both APH and PHSD, Municipalities in the Algoma District, FONOM and the Ministry of Health.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
<input type="checkbox"/>	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	WITHDRAWN	Joseph Opato		

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: _____

DEPUTY MAYOR – JIM HOFFMANN	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

February 2, 2024

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility, and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can and should invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the **Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities** asks the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Leaders of the Opposition, and the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities.

Amanda Richardson

From: Katie Woodcroft <kgwoodcroft@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:01 PM
To: Amanda Richardson
Subject: The Women of Ontario Say No
Attachments: RPReplay_Final1685985442.mov; SampleTemplateResolutiononCodesofConduct-AMO.pdf

Dear Council,

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out in hopes that you will step up for basic human rights protection and champion instilling public trust in publicly elected positions. As you may know, the Premier announced the government would introduce its own legislation after Bill 5- *The Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act* was voted down (see attached). Then, at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference January 21-23, 2024, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced government legislation on this issue. You will find the Toronto Star article here: https://www.thestar.com/politics/provincial/under-pressure-ford-government-readying-law-to-punish-local-politicians-who-harass-staff/article_feb76620-bad6-11ee-b45e-df0c869a1c94.html

As you know, this advocacy is non-partisan. We are reaching out today to ask that if your council has not already done so, can you please bring the attached AMO motion to council and pass it in support of government allocating the resources necessary to prioritize this issue. Please send to the Premier, local MPPs, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity and AMO. **We are seeking balanced, fair and pragmatic legislation to ensure harassment from elected officials does not escalate and to ensure that everyone can feel safe at work.** As you are likely aware, there are 3 components we seek in government legislation:

1. accountability to violence and harassment policies,
2. a process for removal for substantiated egregious acts of harassment, and
3. a restriction on subsequent re-election

You can find more information at: www.thewomenofontariosayno.com. Additionally, we are asking councils to purchase this t-shirt and wear it to a council meeting, conference, or panel. This is a as a passive, yet powerful way to underscore this urgency of the issue. This isn't just about your own workplace safety, it's also about the rights of municipal staff and community members.

T-shirts can be purchased here:

<https://untouchedexperiment.com/products/womenofontariosayno>

For transparency, we feel it is appropriate to share who we have connected with within Government directly on this for context:

1. Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford
2. Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, Charmaine Williams
3. Former Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark; recently had an in-person meeting with Minister Calandra's office
4. Attorney General, Doug Downey
5. Former Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Monte McNaughton

6. Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and Deputy Government House Leader, Andrea Khanjin
7. Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, Graydon Smith
8. Minister of Francophone Affairs and President of the Treasury Board, Caroline Mulroney
9. Associate Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, Nina Tangri
10. Minister of Colleges and Universities of Ontario, Jill Dunlop
11. MPP Dawn Gallagher
12. MPP Laurie Scott
13. MPP Brian Saunderson
14. MPP Sam Oosterhoff
15. ** a number of other Conservative MPPs via people who want to see this change (councillors, citizens)
16. ** a number of other party MPPs via people who want to see this change (councillors, citizens)

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. We are here to work in tandem to ensure basic human rights are respected for all persons.

Thank you in advance for your support. Cheers to a brighter future for Ontarians in 2024!

Sincerely,

Katie Woodcroft
The Women of Ontario Say No



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P. O. Box 41, Richards Landing, ON P0R 1J0

January 23, 2024

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: The 43rd Anniversary of the Ernie Eddy Memorial Children's Ice Fishing Derby
to be held March 2, 2024

The Ernie Eddy Memorial Children's Ice Fishing Derby, is annually held at Twin Lakes on St. Joseph Island, as a NO CHARGE event for public school children. It is one of the highlights of the winter season for children across the Algoma district. This year will be the 43th year of the event.

In 2023 we had 240 children come to the derby and enjoy the day thanks to your generous support. It is truly a great opportunity to come out and see the smiles on the children's faces when they land the big one and ring the bell to get their fish weighed. We encourage our sponsors to come out and see the fun the children are having.

All expenses are borne by the Association and our sponsors. All bait, fishing equipment (for those who do not have their own) is provided. Hot chocolate and hot dogs will be available for all children during the derby. On a healthier note we will be providing both fruit and vegetables as well as cookies for the children to snack on. All participating children are rewarded with gifts at the end of derby regardless of whether they catch a fish or not.

The picnic shelter that was generously offered for our use by The Township of Hilton was more spacious and manageable. With the addition of the insulated tarps donated by Carillion we now have an excellent warming area for the children.

In keeping with our environmental concerns, no Styrofoam products are used and all paper products are brightly coloured to insure nothing is left on the ice. Every child that is registered in the derby is given a travel mug to use for the day if needed. This mug serves as the alternative to using disposable cups during the derby. While this is a more expensive option, it eliminates the mess that disposable products invariably cause.

We are looking for sponsors that will help us with some of the expenses for the derby, to keep it running both now and well into the future. Without major sponsors and with price increases this is getting harder to do each year.

Please consider becoming a sponsor for the derby. Your sponsorship will be advertised at the derby and in the Island Clippings following the derby. You will also ensure the continuation of this great event and it will give you an opportunity to become a partner with your local Conservation Group.

Thanking you for your participation in this Conservation event,

Ernie Eddy Memorial Children's Ice Fishing Derby Committee
Richard and Dolores Winter
Wayne & Judy Ingram

Contact: Judy Ingram at 705-257-1980
Treasurer St Joseph Island Hunters & Anglers
healthfourwealth@hotmail.com

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH

BY-LAW 2024-10

**A By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Regular Council Meeting held on
February 21, 2024.**

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c25, as amended, provides that a municipal Council shall exercise its powers by by-law, except where otherwise provided; and

WHEREAS in many cases, action which is taken or authorized by Council to be taken does not lend itself to an individual by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph at its meeting on February 21, 2024, in respect to each motion, resolution, direction and other action passed and taken by Council, except where the prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, is hereby adopted, ratified, and confirmed.
2. That the Mayor and the proper officers of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or actions, to obtain approvals where required, and to execute any and all documents as may be necessary, and to affix the corporate seal to all such documents as required.

Passed in open Council on February 21, 2024.

Joseph Wildman
Mayor

Amanda Richardson
Clerk Administrator